

Drama club to put on comedic murder mystery

Whodunnit at Seaside High School

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Seaside High School's drama students will take the stage in a comedic murder-mystery "The Bold, the Young and the Murdered" for the fall play.

Led by Seaside High School head secretary and theater director Lenore Morrison, the students participated in auditions Sept. 17 and jump into rehearsals in the coming weeks. Performance dates are set for Nov. 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7.

"The Bold, the Young and the Murdered," by Don Zo-

lidis, is a story about the cast of a long-running soap opera called "The Bold and the Young." According to Play Scripts, the independent publisher for the play, the soap opera is in its last days as "its hunky hero has self-esteem issues, its villainous old man is more interested in soup and its heroines are slightly psychopathic."

"The executive producer gives the squabbling cast an ultimatum: Complete one episode overnight or the show dies," according to an online synopsis from Play Scripts. "But when the director ends up murdered, and other cast members start dropping like flies, it seems like his threat might actually come true."

The group must catch the murderer before the show — or its cast — is killed off.

Seaside High School Junior Bekah Cox, who played Vi Moore in the school's spring production of "Footloose," said she's looking forward to acting in "The Bold, the Young and the Murdered."

"It's like if you took 'Days of Our Lives,' crossed it with 'The Office' and killed a bunch of people," she said.

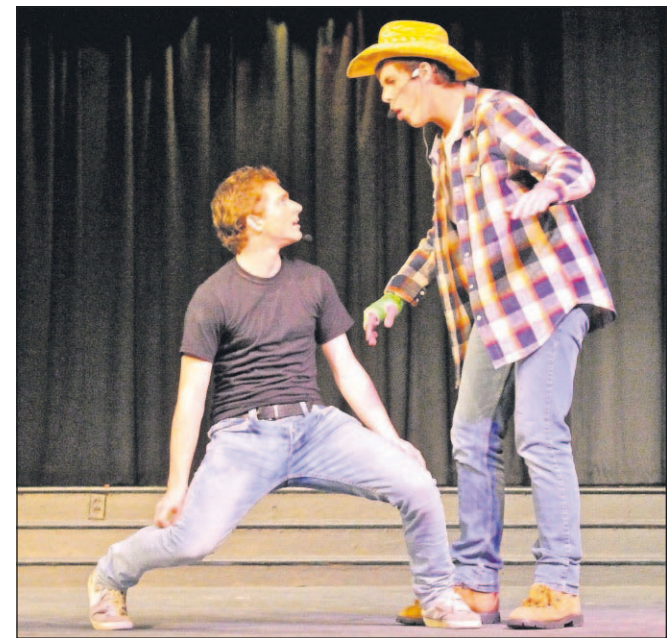
Sophomore Sabrina Anderson agreed. "I'm super pumped," she added.

Both students read the script several times and know which parts they're hoping to get, but auditions within Seaside's theater department do not get too competitive. "We care a lot more for how the play turns out," Anderson said.

The drama students put on a fall play and spring musical each school year. It is

easy to encourage and support fellow performers in trying out for and playing their roles because the group is so tight-knit, according to the students. "We call it the 'drama family,' because we are a family," Anderson said.

The drama students spend a lot of time together, from their two- or three-hour rehearsals four or five times per week, to the final week leading up to opening night when students practice every night until 9 or 10 p.m. After each performance, the cast and crew gather for a fun activity, like bowling, going out to eat or watching a movie. Tickets to the play are \$5 general admission and \$3 for Seaside High School students who show their student ID card at the time of purchase. Proceeds go to the drama club.



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Senior Luke Surber, left, as Ren McCormack and senior Patrick Leary as Willard Hewitt perform a scene during closing night of Seaside High School's annual spring musical "Footloose."

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